

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the due consideration given the application. The specification has been amended to refer to reference numerals "501" and "502", and to not refer to the claims. A replacement sheet of drawing figures is appended to this paper.

Claims 1-29 are pending in the application. Acknowledgement of the allowability of claims 1-9 and 12-29 is noted with appreciation. Claims 1-29 have been amended to improve their language in what is believed to be a non-narrowing fashion.

No new matter is believed to be added to the application by this amendment.

The Drawings

The Office Action asserts that Figures 1 and 2 should bear the legend "Prior Art." Figures 1 and 2 have been appropriately amended.

The Office Action asserts that reference numerals "501" and "502" are not described in the specification. The specification has been amended to refer to reference numerals "501" and "502."

The Specification

The Office Action asserts that the Abstract contains informalities. The comments in the Office Action have been considered, and the Abstract has been appropriately amended.

The Office Action asserts that the specification improperly refers to the claims. The specification has been amended to not refer to the claims.

Claim Objections

The claims have been objected to as containing informalities. The comments in the Office Action have been considered, and the claims have been amended to be free from informalities.

Rejection Under 35 USC §101

Claims 10 and 11 have been rejected under 35 USC §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action asserts that claims 10 and 11 are drawn to data structures that are not embodied in a computer-readable medium. However, claims 10 and 11 have been amended to be clearly drawn to a computer-readable medium. Claims 10 and 11 thus clearly fall under the aegis of 35 USC §101.

This rejection is believed to be overcome, and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action sets forth grounds for allowability, which is noted with appreciation. However, it is respectfully noted that the grounds for allowability are not necessarily restricted to the reasons set forth in the Office Action.

Conclusion

Prior art of record but not utilized is believed to be non-pertinent against the claims.

With no issues remaining, the issuance of a Notice of Allowability is respectfully solicited.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item(s) :

- a new Abstract of the Disclosure
- a Replacement Sheet for Figures 1 and 2 of the drawings